

6B GRAMMAR conditional sentences

a Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Mr Bryant OK, so the three of us agree that there's a problem in your department which we need to sort out at this meeting. I ¹ 'd be (be) delighted if one of you ² _____ (can) give me an explanation of the actual problem.

Martin Basically, the problem is that Emma took some bad marketing decisions last month, Mr Bryant. I mean, we all know the number one rule, don't we, that if a company ³ _____ (lack) a clear marketing strategy, it simply ⁴ _____ (be) able to keep up with the competition? Emma clearly has no strategy whatsoever because if she ⁵ _____ (do), our department ⁶ _____ (not lose) clients.

Emma That's not true! It's not my fault we're losing clients. If you ⁷ _____ (build) a better relationship with our corporate clients, we ⁸ _____ (might / not lose) that important account last month.

Martin That's ridiculous! We ⁹ _____ (still work) for them if you ¹⁰ _____ (not mess up) that presentation. No wonder they left!

Emma How can you say that? If you ¹¹ _____ (be) as experienced as I am in dealing with clients, you ¹² _____ (notice) from their reaction that they absolutely loved it.

Mr Bryant Right, that's it! I've had enough of you two arguing. You're both fired. If you ¹³ _____ (not be) out of the building in an hour, I ¹⁴ _____ (call) Security!

b Rewrite the sentences using the word in **bold**.

1 Had we been aware of the situation, we would have changed our plans. **if**

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2 You can borrow my laptop provided you look after it. **condition**

3 I'm going to go to the party. It doesn't matter if I'm invited or not. **whether**

4 If you hadn't found your passport, what would you have done? **supposing**

5 The exam will be fine as long as you do enough revision. **providing**

6 I'm in favour of contact sports providing nobody gets seriously injured. **long**

7 I would never wear fur, however cold it was. **even**

8 You can go out tonight as long as you're back by midnight. **provided**

activation

c Write a paragraph on one of the following topics:

- Supposing the government decided to cut off all electricity supplies for one week, how would your life be affected? Give examples.
- If people in the past had been more careful with our planet's resources, the environment would be in a better state than it is today. Do you agree? Explain, giving one clear example.
- If everybody earned the same amount of money, do you think the world would be a happier place today?